Subject No. 183.

Coffee Stealing Prevention Act.

Summary of discussion.—Mr. Graham Anderson referred in terms of approval to the order issued in regard to the Coffee Stealing Prevention Act in Government Proceedings No. 13309-12—G. 2965, dated 31st January 1893, drawing the attention of the Police to the duties devolving on them under the Act, and urged the necessity for an instruction that the orders shall be observed from the very commencement of the crop season. Last year the measures adopted were taken too late to be serviceable. The season may be taken to commence from the beginning of October. Mr. Digby T. Brett of the North Mysore Planters' Association also spoke to the same effect.

Dewan's reply.—Deputy Commissioners of Kadur and Hassan Districts will take note of this and take action accordingly.

Subject No. 184.

Assessment on Cardamom lands.

Summary of discussion.—Mr. Graham Anderson regretted that this subject had not been finally disposed of by Government. The present settlement pressed very heavily and it was necessary that there should be a revision of the assessment on the unculturable portions of extensive holdings held for cardamom cultivation. It would be a great convenience to have this revision effected before the ensuing collection season. The unculturable portions are so intimately intermingled with the better parts that they cannot be eliminated or resigned. Last year the Dewan made enquiries as to the feasibility of separately demarcating unculturable portions and classing them as grass land, but Mr. Graham Anderson pointedly deprecated such a solution of the difficulty on the ground that the unculturable portions could not be separately demarcated in blocks and if only grass rights were accorded on such portions, the owner would not be able to regulate the Forest for the amelioration of the prospects of the planted portions with which they were intermingled. Mr. Graham Anderson went on to say that the subject must inevitably be treated as a whole and any remedy that is introduced would represent a compensating allowance on the whole block or holding on account of the large portion of barren rocky ridges, precipitous slopes, grass and scrub included within the original boundaries. The whole subject had been fully examined and proposals relative to revision of assessment had been submitted by the Survey and Revenue Settlement Department, the officers of which have the most accurate knowledge of the peculiar nature of the requirements of the situation and who have made in several cases adequate and most equitable allowances of the kind above referred to. The Darbar has only to accord sanction to the Survey and Settlement Superintendent to equitably revise the assessment on large areas in connection with which self-evident hardship at present exists.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. It is understood that the question raised refers only to two estates known as "Kadamane" and "Bagemane".

Subject No. 185.

Transfer of the Malali and Mavanur Firkas from the Hole-Narsipur to the Hassan Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Ten villages constituting the Malali and Mavanur Firkas of the Holé-Narsipur Taluk formerly belonged to Hassan Taluk. It would be convenient if they be retransferred to Hassan Taluk. The raiyats of these Firkas ask for this change.

Dewan's reply.—In that case, the proposal shall be enquired into.

Subject No. 186.

Soppin Thota, Hitlu and Kana to be entered in the owner's Patta.

Summary of discussion.—Soppin Thota, Hitlu, Kana (vegetable gardens and stocking and thrashing grounds) belonging to one person are often included in another man's patta, because they are situated within the latter's patta limits. Possession is not disturbed. They should be ordered to be included in the owner's pattas.

Dewan's reply.—The representation is not clear. Represent by petition in individual cases.

Subject No. 187.

Publication of important matters in Kanarese in the Gazette.

Summary of discussion.—All publications in the Mysore Gazette are published first in English and many important matters are not rendered into Kanarese at all. Several Acts, rules, &c., remain so, as for instance, the rules for the Civil Service, published last year, have not as yet been rendered into Kanarese. Those who do not know English cannot understand them. All matters published in the Gazette should be drawn up in Kanarese first and published and then followed by English translations.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Subject No. 188.

Increase of pay to 3rd grade Hospital Assistants and reduction of fee for their visits.

Summary of discussion.—The pay of the 3rd Class Hospital Assistants is too low. The pay of the last grade should be not less than Rs. 40 a month. They should be allowed to receive only the prescribed fees per visit and not to obtain any other remuneration. This will work well both for the rich and the poor. The present fee of Re. 1 per visit is excessive.

Dewan's reply.—The subject will be considered in the Medical Department. The Senior Surgeon will be asked whether the rate can be reduced for 3rd and subsequent visits. No fee is charged in the case of poor men.

Subject No. 189.

Treatment of excess in Malnad Inams as in Maidan.

Summary of discussion.—Excesses in Malnad Inams should be treated as in Maidan. Rules contained in Notification No. 67, dated 20th April 1888, should be applied. (*Vide* also No. 122 of D. R. A. Proceedings of 1890.) A recent order received from the Survey Department is at variance with the Government Order of 1886.

Dewan's reply.—The Government Order of 1886 is in force. The Survey Superintendent is not likely to have acted at variance with it. Petition in individual cases, if necessary.